

Minutes

Waukesha County Board

Health & Human Services Committee

Friday, October 5, 2012

Yerke called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present:

Gilbert Yerke (chair)

Janel Brandtjen

Jim Jeskewitz

Bill Zaborowski

Jim Batzko

Kathleen Cummings

Cathleen Slattery

Also Present:

Senior Financial Budget Analyst Bill Duckwitz

Veterans' Services Manager Tom Ludka

Clinical Services Manager Joan Sternweis

Deputy Director of HHS Antwayne Robertson

Financial Budget Analyst Steve Trimborn

County Board Chair Paul Decker

Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth

Health & Human Services (HHS) Director Peter Schuler

Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer

Accounting Services Coordinator Cynthia Lilly

Financial Budget Analyst Danielle Igielski

Aging & Disability Resource Center Manager Cathy Bellovary

Nutrition and Aging Services Supervisor Mary Smith

Schedule Next Meeting Dates

🗓 The October 11, 2012 meeting is cancelled.

🗓 The next meeting is November 15, 2012.

Discuss and Consider 2013 Operating Budgets for the Following Divisions in the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

Veterans' Services

Ludka reviewed the 2013 Veterans' Services budget as outlined on pages 200-203 including financial highlights, outcomes and objectives, program descriptions, output indicators, etc. The division is working to develop continuity and efficiencies and improve service. Ludka gave several examples of how his office helps local veterans.

Brandtjen asked are there enough staff to provide quality service? Ludka said yes, once the newest staff member is trained and accredited. Brandtjen said the division should not skimp on training or information technology (IT) if funding these items would improve services. Cummings said the committee will push for additional funds for training if needed. Ludka said the training budget increased in 2012. Igielski said the Department of Administration (DOA) has a training budget and IT services for all departments. Brandtjen said DOA provides training for countywide initiatives. Training for Veterans' Services is division specific. Ludka said Veterans' Services IT systems are quite unique and the staff are probably the county experts.

Motion: Zaborowski moved, Batzko second, to tentatively approve the 2013 Veterans' Services budget.

Cummings asked is funding available to fix sinking grave stones? Ludka said the government takes care of government-issued gravestones or markers that deteriorate or become illegible. The government also provides stones or markers for unmarked graves and medallions for veterans who have died since 1990. Private cemeteries are responsible for maintaining stones and markers in their facilities.

Motion carried 7-0.

Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Bellovary and Smith reviewed the 2013 ADRC budget as outlined on pages 205-223 including outcomes and objectives, financial summaries, program highlights and activities for Adult Protective Services, Transportation Services, Community Services, Information and Assistance/Case Management, Administration, Home-Delivered Meals, Senior Dining, ADRC and Benefit Specialist Programs. Bellovary said cases are becoming increasingly more complex and crisis oriented. Committee members were given a revised budget for the Community Services Program (page 210) reflecting recent funding changes.

In response to Yerke's question, Bellovary explained that a new for-profit taxi service in Waukesha County has been very helpful providing services especially during evenings and weekends when non-profit transportation services are unavailable. The New Berlin senior taxi program recently completed the purchase of two Waukesha County vans which will be available to take groups of people to meal sites.

Smith said corrections are required on the cost-per-meal summary chart on page 219. The 2013 projected donation per meal should be \$2.47 instead of \$2.39 and the projected net cost per meal should be \$8.30 instead of \$8.38.

Motion: Jeskewitz moved, Batzko second, to tentatively approve the 2013 ADRC budget with the revised edition of page 210 and technical corrections on page 219. Motion carried 7-0.

Clinical Services

Sternweis presented the 2013 Clinical Services budget as outlined on pages 176-178 and 185-186 including financial and programs highlights and activity data for Mental Health Outpatient and Support Services, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Outpatient Clinic and Support Services, and Mental Health Center Programs.

Per Brandtjen's request, Lilly agreed to email information to the committee detailing amounts of funding budgeted for state institutions versus operating expenses.

Brandtjen asked Setzer if he had reviewed billing codes for possible changes which would increase payments from insurance companies. Sternweis said coding has been reviewed. Schuler gave a detailed history of government funding and insurance coverage for public institutions and how the Affordable Care Act should improve funding/payment possibilities.

In response to Brandtjen's question, Schuler said 29 years ago, the number of state institute days of care (children) would have been well over 2,000 days (page 177) and the county would not have been able to afford the care. Many people still need mental health care but the availability of care in the community has reduced the number of institutional days of care needed. Sternweis said one in four people will experience

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some episode of mental illness in their lifetimes and most make full recoveries. One in ten of these people will have long-term episodes.

Motion: Brandtjen moved, Zaborowski second, to tentatively approve the 2013 Clinical Services budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Administrative Services

Setzer reviewed the 2013 Administrative Services budget as outlined on pages 159-160 including program description and highlights, financial summary and strategic outcomes.

Motion: Batzko moved, Cummings second, to tentatively approve the 2013 Administrative Services budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss and Consider Possible Amendments to the 2013 Operating Budget for the Department of HHS

Cummings asked is there enough money in the budget for staff training? Schuler said funding for staff development and conferences was reduced to make the budget target. Setzer said new IT systems training is scheduled for 2013. Robertson said HHS is using staff resources and expertise in coordination with IT and human resources to provide in-house training. Schuler said training needs will become more apparent when a system is selected.

Approve the 2013 Operating Budget for the Department of HHS

Motion: Zaborowski moved, Jeskewitz second, to approve the 2013 HHS operating budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion: Cummings moved, Batzko second, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary